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AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS BOARD

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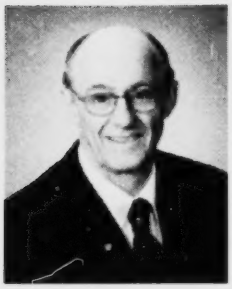

His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart
Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

May it Please Your Honour:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Agricultural Implements Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

Bob Bjornerud
Minister
Saskatchewan Agriculture

The Honourable Bob Bjornerud
Minister
Saskatchewan Agriculture

Sir:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Agricultural Implements Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

Norman Overland
Chair
Agricultural Implements Board

The Act and the Board

The Agricultural Implements Act (the Act) provides protection to farmers who buy or own agricultural implements. The Act requires that farm equipment dealers and manufacturers maintain minimum levels of warranty, repair and parts delivery services. Farmers can apply to the Agricultural Implements Board for compensation if they feel they have incurred a loss due to an unreasonable delay or the unavailability of farm equipment parts.

The current Board consists of seven members who were appointed for a two-year term effective June 12, 2007. The Board members are:

- Norman Overland, Chair, farmer member;
- Allan Smith, Vice-Chair, Canada West Equipment Dealers Association, industry member;
- Robin Fenell, farmer member;
- Brad Nelson, Agricultural Manufacturers of Canada, industry member;
- Doug Slough, farmer member;
- Jeff Just, Association of Equipment Manufacturers, industry member; and
- Don Taylor, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, farmer member.

Objectives of the Agricultural Implements Board

- To ensure that a responsible distributor is registered in the province for each manufacturer of agricultural implements;
- To provide producer protection through statutory sales contracts and conditions under which implements are sold;
- To provide investigation and mediation services on disputes regarding warranties and conditions of sales contained in the sales contract; and
- To provide compensation to farmers where losses or damages are caused by breach of warranties or unreasonable delay in the provision of parts for repair.

Programs

The Board's programs are divided into two areas: preventative and remedial.

Preventative programs are aimed at eliminating problems before they occur. These programs include the registration of distributors and the licensing of dealers.

The remedial program aims to solve problems brought to the Board's attention. Complaints are investigated and mediated. When a formal board hearing is necessary, compensation payments may be warranted.

Accomplishments 2007 – 2008

During the fiscal year 2007-2008, the office of the Agricultural Implements Board handled more than 200 complaints from farmers, implement dealers and distributors.

Many of the concerns involved spare parts and warranty issues.

All inquires were dealt with and no formal hearings were required.

Program Statistics

Year	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08
Number of dealers	400	395	400	386	372	360
Number of distributors	105	106	107	99	100	95
Number of manufacturers	224	226	226	224	222	219
Number of hearings	0	0	0	1	0	0

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements of the Agricultural Implements Board have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, using management's best estimates and judgments where appropriate.

The fund's management is responsible for the reliability and integrity of these financial statements and other information in the Annual Report. Financial information in the Annual Report is consistent with that provided in these financial statements.

In discharging its responsibility for the reliability and integrity of these financial statements, management maintains financial and management control systems and practices designed to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and proper records are maintained.

The Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan has audited these financial statements and conducted a review of internal accounting policies and procedures to the extent required to enable them to express an opinion on these financial statements.

Don Brooks, PAg
Secretary
Agricultural Implements Board

Laurier Donais, CA
Director, Corporate Services
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AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS BOARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Agriculture Implements Board (Board) as at March 31, 2008 and the statements of operations and net financial assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. The Board's management is responsible for preparing these financial statements for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Board as at March 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Regina, Saskatchewan
May 20, 2008

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Provincial Auditor

Statement 1

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS BOARD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at March 31

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Due from General Revenue Fund (Note 3)	$ 186,365	$ 176,503
Accrued interest receivable	1,624	1,823
	$ 187,989	$ 178,326
LIABILITIES AND NET FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Deferred revenue	$ 1,700	$ 1,850
Net financial assets (Statement 2)	186,289	176,476
	$ 187,989	$ 178,326

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

Statement 2

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS BOARD
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET FINANCIAL ASSETS
For the Year Ended March 31

	2008	2007
Revenue:		
Assessment levies	$ 2,375	$ 2,500
Interest income	7,438	7,135
Surplus for the year	9,813	9,635
Net financial assets, beginning of year	176,476	166,841
Net financial assets, end of year - to Statement 1	$ 186,289	$ 176,476

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS BOARD
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Year Ended March 31

	2008	2007
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash receipts from distributors	$ 2,225	$ 2,375
Interest received	7,637	6,759
Net increase in cash position during the year	9,862	9,134
Due from General Revenue Fund, beginning of year	176,503	167,369
Due from General Revenue Fund, end of year	$ 186,365	$ 176,503

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS BOARD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2008

1. Authority

The Agricultural Implements Board is continued under *The Agricultural Implements Act*. Under this Act, a fund known as the Agricultural Implements Compensation Fund, through which all transactions reflected in these statements are conducted, is continued:

a) to pay compensation to farmers who have suffered loss as a result of a defective implement;

b) to defray the expenses of investigating and hearing claims for compensation under this Act; and

c) to maintain a reserve fund to pay compensation that may become payable in the future.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (PSAB). The following accounting policies are considered significant.

a) Revenue

Assessment levies on distributors are assessed annually and any that are received in advance are recorded as deferred revenue.

b) Use of estimates

These statements are prepared in conformity with PSAB accounting principles. These principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Differences are reflected in current operations when identified.

3. Due from General Revenue Fund

The Agricultural Implements Board's bank account is included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration (COBC) arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan.

Earned interest is calculated and paid by the General Revenue Fund on a quarterly basis using the Government's thirty-day borrowing rate (2008 average rate 4.08%; 2007 average rate 4.15%) and the Agricultural Implements Board's average daily bank account balance.

4. Related Parties Transactions

Salary and administration costs other than those in respect of investigations and hearings have been absorbed by the Ministry of Agriculture and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

Other transactions with related parties and amounts due to or from them are described separately in these financial statements and the notes hereto.

5. Financial Instruments

Financial instruments consist of due from General Revenue Fund and Accrued interest receivable. The carrying amounts approximate fair value due to their short-term maturity.